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### APPLICATION OF

### APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

#### CASE NO. PUR-2024-00169

For approval and certification of the Abingdon 138-kV Substation Transmission Project under Title 56 of the Code of Virginia

#### ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On October 29, 2024, Appalachian Power Company ("APCo" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application ("Application") for approval and certification of electric transmission facilities in Washington County, Virginia, pursuant to § 56-46.1 of the Code of Virginia ("Code") and the Utility Facilities Act, Code § 56-265.1 *et seq.* Through its Application, APCo proposes to construct, own, operate, and maintain the Abingdon 138 kilovolt ("kV") Substation Transmission Project ("Project"), which consists of improvements and additions to the Company's Abingdon Substation in Washington County near the Town of Abingdon, Virginia, a partial rebuild of approximately one mile of an existing 138kV transmission line that currently passes over the Abingdon Substation property, and termination (connection) of the rebuilt line into the Abingdon Substation.<sup>1</sup>

The Company states that the Project consists of the following PJM Interconnection LLC baseline work:<sup>2</sup>

 (a) termination of the existing Broadford – Wolf Hills 138-kV Circuit into the existing Abingdon Substation, resulting in the creation of two new circuits and sources for the Abingdon Substation (the existing circuit currently bypasses the Abingdon Substation);

<sup>2</sup> *Id.* at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Application at 1.

- (b) improvements to the existing Abingdon Substation, including the installation of four new 138-kV circuit breakers, bays, disconnect switches, and bus work;
- (c) transmission line work on the Saltville Kingsport 138-kV Transmission Line between existing structure 62-83 and existing structure 62-90, consisting of the rebuild of approximately one mile from existing structure 62-84 to existing structure 62-89 to connect the line into the Abingdon Substation, and reconnection of the spans from those previously mentioned endpoints to the rebuilt structures;
- (d) reconnection of two transmission lines that tap off the Saltville Kingsport 138kV Transmission Line; and
- (e) relocation of the Abingdon 34.5-kV/138-kV Bus Tie No. 3 138-kV Transmission Line at the Abingdon Substation to make room for the new substation bays and to attach to proposed structure 62-86A.

APCo states that the Project is needed to address reliability criteria violations on the

existing transmission system serving the Project area and will result in the creation of two new 138-kV circuits and sources for the Abingdon Substation.<sup>3</sup> APCo states that the proposed in-service date for the Project is June 1, 2027.<sup>4</sup> If the Commission approves the Project, APCo estimates that it will need approximately two years after entry of the Commission's final approving order for engineering, design, right-of-way ("ROW") acquisition, permitting, material procurement, and construction to place the Project in service.<sup>5</sup> The Company states that the Project will cost approximately \$20.1 million.<sup>6</sup>

The Company states that the Project will require new ROW easements for a limited portion of the rebuild of the Saltville – Kingsport 138-kV Transmission Line between existing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1-2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Id. at 4.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Direct Testimony of Jasmine L. Moore at 7.

structure 62-84 and existing structure 62-89.<sup>7</sup> APCo further states that part of the proposed route (0.3 miles) will be constructed on the Company's property or within its existing transmission line ROW, but approximately 0.7 miles will be rebuilt within new, parallel, or partially overlapping ROW to accommodate the improvements at the Abingdon Substation and to avoid a commercial building that is within the existing ROW at the U.S. Route 58 Alternate/U.S. Route 19 (Porterfield Highway) crossing.<sup>8</sup> APCo represents that the other components of the Project will not require new ROW.<sup>9</sup>

As provided by Code § 62.1-44.15:21 D 2, the Commission and the State Water Control Board ("Board") consult on wetland impacts prior to the siting of electric utility facilities that require a certificate of public convenience and necessity. Acting on behalf of the Board, the Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") must prepare a Wetland Impacts Consultation on this Application, as required by the Code and Sections 2 and 3 of the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Consultation on Wetland Impacts (July 2003).<sup>10</sup> The Staff of the Commission ("Staff") has requested the Office of Wetlands & Stream Protection at the DEQ to provide a Wetland Impacts Consultation for the proposed Project.<sup>11</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Id. at 3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Application at 2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Id. at 2-3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the State Water Control Board and the State Corporation Commission, Case No. PUE-2003-00114, 2003 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 474, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (July 30, 2003).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Letter from Staff of the State Corporation Commission dated November 1, 2024, to David L. Davis, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

As provided by Code §§ 10.1-1186.2:1 B and 56-46.1 A, the Commission and the DEQ coordinate reviews of the environmental impact of electric generating plants and associated facilities. Pursuant to the Code and consistent with the Department of Environmental Quality - State Corporation Commission Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Coordination of Reviews of the Environmental Impacts of Proposed Electric Generating Plants and Associated Facilities (August 2002),<sup>12</sup> the Commission receives and considers reports on the proposed facilities from state environmental agencies. The Staff has requested the DEQ to coordinate an environmental review of this Application by the appropriate agencies and to provide a report on the review.<sup>13</sup>

Finally, in conjunction with the filing of its Application, APCo filed a Motion for Protective Ruling ("Motion") and a proposed protective ruling that establishes procedures governing the use of confidential information in this proceeding.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of this matter, is of the opinion and finds that this matter should be docketed; APCo should provide public notice of its Application; interested persons should have an opportunity to file comments on the Application, file a notice of participation as a respondent, or request that a hearing be convened; Staff should be directed to investigate the Application and present its findings and recommendations in a report ("Staff Report"); and a Hearing Examiner should be assigned to rule on any discovery matters and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> In re Receiving comments on a draft memorandum of agreement between the Department of Environmental *Quality and the State Corporation Commission*, Case No. PUE-2002-00315, 2002 S.C.C. Ann. Rept. 559, Order Distributing Memorandum of Agreement (Aug. 14, 2002).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Letter from Staff of the State Corporation Commission dated November 1, 2024, to Bettina Rayfield, Department of Environmental Quality, filed in Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

motions *pro hac vice* that arise during the course of this proceeding, including the Company's Motion.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission will, among other things, direct the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings unless they contain confidential information, and require electronic service on parties to this proceeding.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

(2) All pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by Rule 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice").<sup>14</sup> Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170, *Confidential information*, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

(3) Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, of the Rules of Practice, the Commission directs that service on parties and Staff in this matter shall be accomplished by electronic means. Concerning Confidential or Extraordinarily Sensitive Information, all parties and Staff are instructed to work together to agree upon the manner in which documents containing such information shall be served upon one another, to the extent practicable, in an electronically protected manner, even if such information is unable to be filed in the Office of the Clerk, so that no party or Staff is impeded from preparing its case.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq.

(4) As provided by § 12.1-31 of the Code and Rule 5 VAC 5-20-120, *Procedure before Hearing Examiners*, of the Rules of Practice, a Hearing Examiner is appointed to rule on any discovery matters and motions *pro hac vice* that arise during the course of this proceeding, including the Company's Motion. A copy of each such filing made with the Office of the Clerk in this matter shall also be sent electronically to the Office of the Hearing Examiners.<sup>15</sup>

(5) An electronic copy of the Company's Application may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Matthew P. Pritts, Esquire, or Justin E. Simmons, Esquire, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, Virginia 24038, <u>matthew.pritts@woodsrogers.com</u>, justin.simmons@woodsrogers.com. Interested persons also may download unofficial copies from the Commission's website:

#### scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

(6) On or before January 10, 2025, the Company shall cause to be sent by first class mail a copy of the notice and sketch map prescribed in Ordering Paragraph (7) to all owners of property within the route of the proposed Project, as of the date of this Order and as indicated on the map or sketch of the route filed with the Commission, which requirement shall be satisfied by mailing the notice and sketch map to such persons at such addresses as are indicated in the land books maintained by the commissioner of revenue, director of finance, treasurer, or other officer of the county or municipality designated as provided by Code § 58.1-3100 *et seq*.

(7) On or before January 10, 2025, the Company shall cause the following notice and the sketch map of the proposed route, as shown in Exhibit 13 to the Application, to be published as display advertising (not classified) on one (1) occasion in newspapers of general circulation in Washington County, Virginia:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Such electronic copies shall be sent to: <u>OHEParalegals@scc.virginia.gov</u>.

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY FOR APPROVAL AND CERTIFICATION OF THE ABINGDON 138-KV SUBSTATION TRANSMISSION PROJECT UNDER TITLE 56 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA CASE NO. PUR-2024-00169

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#### **Description of the Route**

The proposed Project will upgrade and install new equipment at APCo's existing Abingdon Substation at 20241 Rustic Lane, north of the Town of Abingdon in Washington County, to address thermal and voltage violations identified in PJM Interconnection LLC's 2022 Regional Transmission Expansion Plan Window. The Abingdon Substation will be expanded on APCo's existing property to accommodate the upgrades and an approximately one-mile-long portion of the existing Saltville – Kingsport 138-kV Transmission Line will be rebuilt to connect into the substation. The approximately one-mile-long proposed rebuild route begins at existing structure 62-83 on the Saltville – Kingsport 138kV Transmission Line, located east of State Route 1518 (Delano Drive), and traverses approximately 0.2 miles southwest to connect to APCo's existing Clinch River – Abingdon 138-kV Transmission Line. After the junction with the existing Clinch River – Abingdon 138-kV Transmission Line (which will be reconnected to the rebuilt Saltville – Kingsport 138-kV Transmission Line from existing structure 71-84/71 within existing ROW), the proposed route traverses southwest for approximately 0.1 miles and connects to the existing Abingdon Substation. The approximately 0.3-milelong section of the proposed route between existing structure 62-83 and the Abingdon Substation is located in existing ROW or on APCo's property.

The proposed route exits the northwest side of the Abingdon Substation and continues for about 0.1 miles before turning southwest parallel to the existing Saltville - Kingsport 138kV Transmission Line in new ROW, for approximately 0.3 miles, crossing Rustic Lane and U.S. Route 58 Alternate/U.S. Route 19 (Porterfield Highway). The proposed route connects to APCo's existing South Abingdon 138-kV Extension Transmission Line southwest of U.S. Route 58 Alternate/U.S. Route 19 (Porterfield Highway), which will be reconnected to the rebuilt Saltville -Kingsport 138-kV Transmission Line from existing structure 1192-1. From the South Abingdon 138-kV Extension Transmission Line, the proposed route parallels the north side of the existing Saltville - Kingsport 138-kV Transmission Line ROW for approximately 0.3 miles before joining the existing ROW northwest of Abingdon Elementary School and ending near existing structure 62-90, northwest of the State Route 825 (Elementary Drive) and State Route 681 (Woodland Hills Drive) intersection.

Final structure types for the rebuilt transmission line will be determined after additional studies are completed, including ground surveys and geotechnical studies. Based on preliminary engineering, the Company anticipates primarily using doublecircuit lattice steel towers and monopole structures with a galvanized finish. Proposed structure heights are anticipated to range from 86 to 145 feet tall, with an average height of 110 feet (approximately five feet taller than the average height of the existing structures) to meet current design standards.

All distances, heights, and directions are approximate. A sketch map of the proposal accompanies this notice. A more

detailed map may be viewed on the Commission's website: <u>scc.virginia.gov/pages/Transmission-Line-Projects</u>. A more complete description of the proposed Project may also be found in the Company's Application.

The Commission may consider a route not significantly different from the route described in this notice without additional notice to the public.

To promote administrative efficiency and timely service of filings upon participants, the Commission has directed the electronic filing of testimony and pleadings, unless they contain confidential information, and required electronic service on parties to this proceeding. In accordance therewith, all pleadings, briefs, or other documents required to be served in this matter shall be submitted electronically to the extent authorized by 5 VAC 5-20-150, Copies and format, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10 et seq. ("Rules of Practice"). Confidential and Extraordinarily Sensitive Information shall not be submitted electronically and should comply with 5 VAC 5-20-170. Confidential information, of the Rules of Practice. Any person seeking to hand deliver and physically file or submit any pleading or other document shall contact the Clerk's Office Document Control Center at (804) 371-9838 to arrange the delivery.

Electronic copies of the Application and other supporting materials may be inspected at: https://www.AppalachianPower.com/Saltville-Wolfhills or Washington County Public Library - Abingdon Library, 205 Oak Hill Street NE, Abingdon, Virginia 24210. An electronic copy of the Company's Application also may be obtained by submitting a written request to counsel for the Company: Matthew P. Pritts, Esquire, or Justin E. Simmons, Esquire, Woods Rogers Vandeventer Black PLC, P.O. Box 14125, Roanoke, Virginia 24038, <u>matthew.pritts@woodsrogers.com</u>, justin.simmons@woodsrogers.com.

On or before February 14, 2025, any interested person may submit comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: <u>scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments</u>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to submit comments electronically may file such comments with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All such comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

On or before February 14, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company, any other respondents, and Staff electronically as described above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, Participation as a respondent, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30. Counsel. of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

On or before February 14, 2025, any interested person or entity may file with the Clerk of the Commission at scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling a request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a request for hearing electronically may file such request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed above. Such request for hearing shall include the email address of the filer or its counsel, if available. Requests for hearing must include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. The interested person shall simultaneously serve a copy of the hearing request on counsel to the Company, any other respondents, and Staff electronically as described above. All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified by the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment, all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

The Company's Application and other documents filed in this case, the Commission's Rules of Practice, and the Commission's Order for Notice and Comment may be viewed on the Commission's website at scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information.

#### APPALACHIAN POWER COMPANY

(8) On or before January 10, 2025, the Company shall serve a copy of this Order for Notice and Comment on the following local officials, to the extent the position exists, in each county, city, and town through which the Project is proposed to be built: the chairman of the board of supervisors of each county; the mayor or manager (or equivalent official) of every city and town; and the county, city, or town attorney. Service shall be made electronically where possible; if electronic service is not possible, service shall be made by either personal delivery or first class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(9) On or before January 31, 2025, the Company shall file proof of the notice and service required by Ordering Paragraphs (7) and (8), including the name, title, address, and electronic mail address (if applicable) of each official served, with the Clerk of the Commission, at <u>scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</u>.

(10) On or before January 31, 2025, the Company shall file with the Clerk of the Commission a certificate of the mailing of notice to owners of property prescribed by Ordering Paragraph (6). The certificate shall not include the names and addresses of the owners of property served, but the Company shall maintain a record of such information.

(11) On or before February 14, 2025, any interested person may file comments on the Application by following the instructions found on the Commission's website: scc.virginia.gov/casecomments/Submit-Public-Comments. Those unable, as a practical matter,

to file comments electronically may file such comments by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

(12) On or before February 14, 2025, any person or entity wishing to participate as a respondent in this proceeding may do so by filing a notice of participation at <u>scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</u>. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a notice of participation electronically may file such notice by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address listed in Ordering Paragraph (11). Such notice of participation shall include the email addresses of such parties or their counsel. The respondent simultaneously shall serve a copy of the notice of participation on counsel to the Company, any other respondents, and Staff, as described in Ordering Paragraph (3). Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80 B, *Participation as a respondent*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth: (i) a precise statement of the interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. All filings shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

(13) Within five (5) business days of receipt of a notice of participation as a respondent, the Company shall serve a copy of the Application on the respondent, unless these materials already have been provided to the respondent.

(14) On or before February 14, 2025, any interested person or entity may file with the Clerk of the Commission at <u>scc.virginia.gov/clk/efiling</u> a request that the Commission convene a hearing on the Company's Application. Those unable, as a practical matter, to file a request for

hearing electronically may file such request for hearing by U.S. mail to the Clerk of the Commission at the address in Ordering Paragraph (11). Such request for hearing shall include the email address of the filer or its counsel, if available. Requests for hearing must include: (i) a precise statement of the filing party's interest in the proceeding; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; (iii) a statement of the legal basis for such action; and (iv) a precise statement why a hearing should be conducted in this matter. A copy of such hearing request shall simultaneously be served on counsel to the Company, any other respondents, and Staff as described above in Ordering Paragraph (3). All requests for a hearing shall refer to Case No. PUR-2024-00169.

(15) On or before February 28, 2025, APCo shall file with the Clerk of the Commission its response to any request for hearing filed in this matter. The Company shall serve a copy of such response on Staff, any respondents, and the interested person or entity requesting a hearing.

(16) On or before March 14, 2025, Staff shall investigate the Application and file with the Clerk of the Commission a Staff Report containing its findings and recommendations. A copy thereof shall be served on counsel to the Company and all respondents.

(17) On or before March 28, 2025, APCo shall file with the Clerk of the Commission and serve on the Staff and any respondents any response in rebuttal to the Staff Report and any comments filed by interested persons or entities, including DEQ, in this proceeding. The Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal response and exhibits on Staff and all respondents. Additionally, the Company shall serve a copy of its rebuttal response on DEQ by email to <u>bettina.rayfield@deq.virginia.gov</u>.

(18) Any documents filed in paper form with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission in this docket may use both sides of the paper. In all other respects, except as modified herein,

all filings shall comply fully with the requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Commission's Rules of Practice.

(19) The Commission's Rule of Practice 5 VAC 5-20-260, *Interrogatories or requests for production of documents and things*, shall be modified for this proceeding as follows: responses and objections to written interrogatories and requests for production of documents shall be served within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the same. In addition to the service requirements of 5 VAC 5-20-260 of the Rules of Practice, on the day that copies are filed with the Clerk of the Commission, a copy of the interrogatory or request for production shall be served electronically on the party to whom the interrogatory or request for production is directed to Staff.<sup>16</sup> Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 5 VAC 5-20-240 *et seq.* 

(20) This matter is continued.

A COPY hereof shall be sent electronically by the Clerk of the Commission to all persons on the official Service List in this matter. The Service List is available from the Clerk of the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> The assigned Staff attorney is identified on the Commission's website, <u>scc.virginia.gov/pages/Case-Information</u>, by clicking "Docket Search," then clicking "Search by Case Information," and entering the case number, PUR-2024-00169 in the appropriate box.